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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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James M. Sampson, Chairperson  
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority  
295 Main Street, Room 946  
Buffalo, New York 14203

Dear Chairman Sampson:

Thank you for providing to the Legislature the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority's (ECFSA) October 26, 2012 analysis of County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz's 2013 Budget and Four Year Financial Plan. ECFSA's analysis has been very helpful to the Finance and Management/Budget Committee in our review of the County Executive's proposed 2013 Budget.

As you are aware, the Minority Caucus has introduced amendments to the 2013 Budget cutting spending in accounts including fringe benefits, overtime and the Risk Retention Fund and increasing the turnover account. Many legislators are concerned by these amendments and the dire warnings issued by the Poloncarz Administration on November 28<sup>th</sup> about the impact of these amendments. Based on ECFSA's October 26<sup>th</sup> analysis, it appears that the authority shares some of these concerns.

To that end, the Legislature will be holding a meeting of the Finance and Management Committee on Monday, December 3 at 10:00 am in our legislative chambers to discuss the Minority Caucus' amendments and the County Executive's letter dated November 28 responding to those amendments.

I am writing to respectfully request that you attend the Finance and Management Committee on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to explain ECFSA's analysis of the 2013 Budget and any concerns the authority may have about the budget and any budget amendments. Please understand: this meeting will be an opportunity for legislators to receive direct input from ECFSA about your analysis and any concerns you may have about the 2013 Budget and Four Year Plan. We hope you will be able to attend and comment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. R. Hogue", is written over the typed name.

Timothy Hogue  
Finance & Management/Budget Committee Chair

cc: All Legislators  
Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive

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